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SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF MINISTER OF CULTURE AND
SCIENCES TRYPANIS

1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT MINISTER OF CULTURE AND
SCIENCES TRYPANIS FLEW TO WASHINGTON YESTERDAY JANUARY 27.
ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MINISTRY,
MR. TRYPANIS WENT TO WASHINGTON AT THE
INVITATION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO REPRESENT THE
GREEK GOVERNMENT AT A BREAKFAST TO BE GIVEN BY
PRESIDENT FORD FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES.
WE UNDERSTAND FROM OTHER REPORTS THAT THE VISIT IS BEING
MADE IN CONNECTION WITH A BREAKFAST PRAYER MEETING,
REPORTEDLY AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

2. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT TAKE THE INITIATIVE
TO ARRANGE MEETINGS FOR MINISTER TRYPANIS (THROUGH THE GREEK
EMBASSY) WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AND ASSISTANT
SECRETARY RICHARDSON.

3. TRYPANIS WAS BORN IN 1909. HE STUDIED CLASSICAL
LITERATURE AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF ATHENS, BERLIN,
MUNICH AND OXFORD. HE HELD VARIOUS POSITIONS IN THE
COURSE OF A DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC CAREER INCLUDING AS
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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CLASSICAL LITERATURE AT ATHENS

UNIVERSITY (1939-1947), PROFESSOR OF MEDIEVAL AND MODERN GREEK AT OXFORD (1947-1967) AND PROFESSOR OF ANCIENT GREEK LITERATURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (1967-1974). HE IS A MEMBER OF THE ATHENS ACADEMY, A FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES AT PRINCETON, AND HAS TAUGHT AS A VISITING PROFESSOR AT NUMEROUS UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING YALE. HE WAS ELECTED AS A NEW DEMOCRACY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (AS A DEPUTY-AT-LARGE) IN THE NOVEMBER 1974 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY NAMED MINISTER OF CULTURE AND SCIENCES BY CARAMANLIS. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH, AS WELL AS FRENCH, GERMAN AND ITALIAN.

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